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*Death rate in Berlin and other cities.*

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended December 10 was considerably lower than in the preceding week, amounting, calculated on the year, to 15.1 per thousand of the population, and corresponded almost exactly with the rate for the same week of last year. Only 8 of the large towns and cities of Germany had more favorable rates than Berlin during the week in question, viz, Nuremberg, Bremen, Hanover, Schöneberg (with 13 per thousand), Charlottenburg (with 12.7), etc. The following cities had considerably higher rates of mortality than Berlin, namely: Rixdorf (with 17.3), Hamburg, Munich, Frankfort-on-Main, Stuttgart, Dresden, Breslau, Königsberg, Leipzig, Halle; Brunswick, Cologne, as well as London, Paris, and Vienna. During the past three weeks the number of deaths among infants remained about the same, the number of deaths among the higher-age classes alone having decreased. The rate of mortality of infants—3.5 per year and thousand—was lower than the Hamburg, Munich, and Leipzig figures. Acute diseases of the respiratory organs claimed 90 victims (including 19 from influenza). Acute intestinal diseases caused 30 deaths. Furthermore, there were registered 80 deaths from phthisis pulmonalis, 35 deaths from cancer, 12 deaths from scarlet fever, 6 deaths from measles. Finally, 4 persons died by violence.

## GREAT BRITAIN.

*Plague on steamship Weybridge at London.*

[From the Bulletin Quarantenaire, Alexandria, December 15, 1904.]

The steamship *Weybridge*, from Rio de la Plata, arrived at London November 30. The sanitary authority reported a case of suspect plague in the person of a member of the crew. The ship was detained at Denton to land the patient, convey him to a hospital, and perform disinfection. Doctor Klein confirmed the diagnosis of plague.

The patient was isolated in the port hospital near the mouth of the Thames, while the vessel and effects were disinfected and measures taken for the destruction of rats on board. No passenger arrived by the *Weybridge*. The crew was placed under observation.

## INDIA.

*Reports from Bombay—Cholera, plague, and smallpox mortality—Transactions of inspection service—Abstract of paper on plague transmission by rats and fleas.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Edward Hume reports, December 10 and 17, as follows:

*Mortality of Bombay city.*

	Week ended—		
	Nov. 29.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 13.
Plague attacks .....	88	.....	83
Plague deaths .....	74	76	72
Plague mortality per 1,000 .....	4.95	5.09	4.82
Smallpox deaths .....	5	14	19
Cholera deaths .....	α 1	2	2
Total deaths .....	685	723	693
Total mortality per 1,000 .....	45.90	48.44	46.43

α Case imported by sea. Death at the wharf.